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Statement submitted by the Fédération européenne des femmes actives au foyer, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996.

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Statement

F.E.F.A.F., Fédération Européenne des Femmes au Foyer, the EU umbrella NGO of national and regional associations representing at-home parents and carers, calls on the United Nations and its Member States to ensure that the rights of all women and all girls are upheld. Furthermore, those who make use of violence against women and girls in any domain must be pursued by the relevant legal authorities, and clear sanctions imposed upon all perpetrators of violence. Rights can only be upheld through targeted and effective action.

F.E.F.A.F. therefore calls on all Member States of the United Nations fully to implement the Beijing Platform for Action.

F.E.F.A.F. calls also on the United Nations to track the progress of Member States with regard to eliminating violence against women and girls in all domains. Member States should develop and implement action plans with regard to eliminating violence in society; these plans should focus on eliminating trafficking as an integral part of eliminating violence against women and girls.